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#### TYPES OF ADVISORIES

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## **NASA CI/CT MONTHLY NEWS UPDATE – June 2018**

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### **Significant Counterterrorism (CT) Issues:**

#### **WITH 'ISLAMIC STATE' IN TATTERS, AL-QAIDA RENEWS CALL FOR JIHAD**



Al-Qaida's leader has urged sympathizers to wage war against the US for opening an embassy in Jerusalem. Experts say the move is an attempt to capitalize on the demise of its main competitor, the "Islamic State."

[http://www.dw.com/en/with-islamic-state-in-tatters-al-qaida-renews-call-for-jihad/a-](http://www.dw.com/en/with-islamic-state-in-tatters-al-qaida-renews-call-for-jihad/a-43806864)

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#### **THE 'LONE JIHADI' POSES THE GREATEST THREAT TO THE WORLD CUP**

Security experts have named "lone jihadi" attacks the biggest terror threat during the 2018 World Cup in Russia this summer. Sunni Islamist militants, particularly Russian jihadists returning from conflict zones, are the primary source of concern for Moscow.

<https://www.cnbc.com/2018/05/01/russia-world-cup-threatened-by-lone-jihadi-terror-attacks.html>



#### **US HAS 1,000 OPEN ISIS INVESTIGATIONS BUT A DROP IN PROSECUTIONS**



Despite its losses on the battlefield in Iraq and Syria, the Islamic State remains a grave national security threat, according to administration and terrorism experts. That mixed news was brought home just last week. Recently, the Department of Homeland Security extended its warning of homegrown terror threats to the US for the fifth time since December 2015.

<https://www.cnn.com/2018/05/16/politics/isis-us-arrests-investigations-terrorism/index.html>

### **Significant Counterintelligence Issues:**

#### **FROM RUSSIA'S SECRET ESPIONAGE ARCHIVES: THE ART OF THE DANGLE**

An old KGB training manual shows how Western double agents tried to dupe the Soviet Union during the Cold War. This classic tradecraft can tell us some things about recent events.

<https://www.thedailybeast.com/from-russias-secret-espionage-archives-the-art-of-the-dangle?ref=home>





## PREVENTING CHINESE ESPIONAGE AT AMERICA'S UNIVERSITIES



As part of America's overdue awakening to China's foreign influence operations campaign inside the United States, the intelligence community and lawmakers are shining new light on how the Communist Party is operating inside America's higher-education system and raising the alarm about the possibility of Chinese intelligence-gathering.

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/josh-rogin/wp/2018/05/22/preventing-chinese-espionage-at-americas-universities/?utm\\_term=.a9496b51b57a](https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/josh-rogin/wp/2018/05/22/preventing-chinese-espionage-at-americas-universities/?utm_term=.a9496b51b57a)

## U.S. INDICTS EX-CIA OFFICER SUSPECTED OF GIVING INFO TO CHINESE

The Justice Department indicted an ex-CIA case officer suspected of passing information to Chinese intelligence agents. Jerry Chun Shing Lee, 53, was indicted on one count of conspiracy to gather or deliver national defense information to aid a foreign government.

<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/jerry-chun-shing-lee-ex-cia-officer-suspected-of-passing-info-to-chinese-agents-indicted/>



### **Analyst Notes – Items to Watch:**

With the ISIS Caliphate in Iraq/ Syria destroyed, many ISIS fighters have scattered across the Middle East, Africa or returned home to their countries of origin. The Al-Qaeda (AQ) organization has taken advantage of this scattering by recruiting survivors and renewing the call for attacks on the West. The fight against radical Islamic terrorism is not finished, it has just morphed into another type of conflict. The United States is still under a serious espionage threat from both China and Russia. China's vast espionage efforts against the West includes using Chinese students studying in U.S. universities to gain access to advanced technology and future placement in U.S. companies. The use of "non-traditional" collectors by China is widespread and extremely difficult to detect and counter. The U.S. continues to be China's leading espionage target, with a huge Chinese effort towards acquiring U.S. research and development, as well as the recruitment of new espionage sources. The NASA CI/CT division continues to monitor these threats and any others that have the potential to harm NASA or its equities.

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